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In re Application of: Stefan NORDHOFF *et al.*  
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For: **(METH)ACRYLIC ACID CRYSTAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
AND PURIFYING AQUEOUS (METH)ACRYLIC ACID**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the application and calculation of the filing fees. If any fees in addition to those accompanying the attached application are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-2190.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.